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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 1725.123US02

Cumeraldo, et al.

Application No.: 09/911,840

Filed: July 23, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2631

For: SPREAD SPECTRUM METER READING SYSTEM UTILIZING LOW-SPEED/HIGH-POWER FREQUENCY HOPPING

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

BOX MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed August 31, 2001, submitted herewith are an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and nineteen (19) sheets of formal drawings. Also submitted for filing is an Assignment of the invention to Itron, Inc. A check in the amount of \$1,162.00 is enclosed to cover the surcharge, filing fee and Assignment recording fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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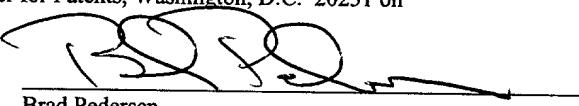
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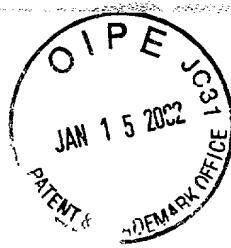
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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Attention: Official Draftsperson  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Informal drawings were submitted for filing with the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed for filing are nineteen (19) sheets (Figs. 1-16) of formal drawings.

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